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### Re: WC Docket No. 17-108, Restoring Internet Freedom

Dear Chairman Pai, Commissioner Clyburn, and Commissioner O'Reilly,

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs ("APAPA") submits the following comments to the Federal Communications Commissions ("FCC") into WC Docket No. 17-108, Restoring Internet Freedom.

APAPA is a non-profit, non-partisan and grassroots organization founded in 2001 by C.C. Yin and a pioneering group of fellow civic-minded friends and community leaders. APAPA's mission is to promote the advancement of Asian Pacific Islander Americans ("APIA") through active participation and leadership in civic and public affairs. Our organization educates the public about policy and provides opportunities for our youth to gain firsthand knowledge and experience in government and public affairs.

Technology and the internet play a huge role in engaging more APIA people, especially APIA youth, in government and public affairs. As our organization grows its presence online through our social media accounts and website, we recognize that having a voice online is an essential part of APIA people finding every opportunity to serve their communities and have their priorities heard by lawmakers and neighbors alike

That is why the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Restoring Internet Freedom is important to APAPA. The principles of net neutrality are essential. And ensuring robust access to the internet while allowing every internet company an equal chance to compete is a crucial balance. Internet service providers ("ISPs") should not be able to block, throttle, or harmfully prioritize legal internet traffic. But without a federal law in place to ensure these principles, the rules can change from administration to administration.

An online ecosystem without steady rules can cost people access to the latest advances—it can cost APIA youth connection to their worldwide communities and resources to serve the United States as the next generation of public servants and attentive Americans. To ensure access and fairness, Congress needs to step up and pass legislation that protects net neutrality in a permanent way and encourages ISPs to invest in America and connect more people. In the meantime, the FCC should not allow Title II to put negative pressure on this investment.

Sincerely,

C.C. Yin  
APAPA Founder & Chair